

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **7 December 2005**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-30. Claims 1, 11, and 21 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-25, and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun Microsystems, Inc. (*Sun Cluster 2.2 API Developer's Guide*, hereinafter "Sun Cluster 2.2") in view of Richburg (USPN 5,159,687, hereinafter "Richburg"), and in further view of Delaney et al. (USPN 5,996,086, hereinafter "Delaney"). Claims 6, 16, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun Cluster 2.2, in view of Richburg, further in view of Delaney, and further in view of Sun Microsystems, Inc. (*Application Packaging Developer's Guide*, hereinafter "APDG").

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1, 11, and 21 were objected to because of informalities.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to correct the distinctly claim the subject matter as interpreted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Sun Cluster 2.2 in view of Richburg and in further view of Delaney. Applicant respectfully points out that then combined system of Sun Cluster 2.2, Richburg, and Delaney teaches an **Administrator** placing a configuration file into a directory system (see Sun Cluster 2.2, second paragraph). The combined system also teaches automatic generation of the **text script** (the code), which describes a step-by-step procedure or algorithm (see Richburg, col. 7, lines 37-40).

In contrast, the present invention **automatically generates a configuration file**, which is separate from the automatic generation of the code, and which provides parameters for the executing code (see page 12, lines 3-4 of the instant application). This is beneficial because it relieves the Administrator of generating the configuration file—a manual process that is error prone. There is nothing within Sun Cluster 2.2, Richburg, or Delaney, either separately or in concert, which suggests automatically generating a configuration file separate from the automatic generation of the code.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to clarify that the present invention automatically generates a configuration file separate from the automatic generation of the code. These amendments find support on page 12, lines 3-4 of the instant application.

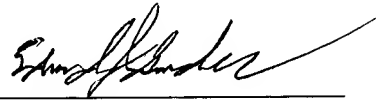
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-20, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 22-30, which depend upon claim 21, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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